



Transition Belper News - July 2012

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Forthcoming Events:

At our meeting last Tuesday night we discussed the successful Coop energy challenge (see this week's article in the Belper News) and the many activities we are involved in during the next few weeks. We would like to meet you all during these events and would welcome additional help and volunteers on a number of projects:

Belper Well Dressing - This is a joint project between Transition Belper, Belper Connect and Eleanor Letham. Work has now started in earnest and is great fun as the pictures below demonstrate. The first picture shows Marilyn, Eleanor and Kathy having fun claying up the board and splattering Kathy's conservatory in the process! Marilyn's and Eleanor's grins in the third picture, which includes Jake Keighley from Belper School, reflect everyone's relief that the work is going surprisingly well and fast (causing us to wonder if we are doing it right). If you would like to have a go, even if it's just for half an hour, please contact Kathy on 07779 412702. We will be working on it every day until the evening of Friday, 13th July. Transition Belper are also hoping to have a stall at the River Gardens on Sunday 15th (the Well Blessing service is at 2pm). Any volunteers who can help with the stall, please contact Kathy.

The actual completed Well Dressings can be viewed from Saturday 14th July pm to Wednesday 18th July. <http://www.belpertowncouncil.co.uk/document>



Belper Art Trail – 9th to the 22nd July - Organised by the Corridor Arts Group this year. They are using the 100 years of the East Mill and 75 years of the library for inspiration. <http://www.corridor-arts.org.uk/abcd/belperarttrail/>

Belper Train Station Adoption – 11th July

The clearance work started last Wednesday with the help of The Probation Service and although it rained on and off most of the day, we all enjoyed the work. In the true 'British spirit', we ignored the adverse weather conditions and got on with it! The next day of clearance will be Wednesday 11th July from 9:30am to 3:30pm. If you can help for an hour or two please come along.



Belper in Bloom - The first judging day for the East Midlands competition is 13th July. Kathy will be representing Transition Belper and meeting the judges. 25% of the judging relates to sustainability and 25% to community involvement. The national finals' judging day will be 3rd August. As part of the Britain in Bloom competition, the event "Belper Open Gardens" has been created and on 22nd July around 25 gardens will be open to the public from 11am to 5pm.

Belper food Fair - 15th July. Transition Belper will have a stall at the Food Fair on Sunday 15th July. We will be selling herbs and plants grown by members and also raising awareness of food miles, allowing anybody signing up to the newsletter to have a chance of winning a Food Box of locally grown produce, again donated by Transition Members. If you have any produce that we could include put on display and include in the prize please contact [David](#). As you can see from last year's photo, it's a great day and If you would like to help out on the Transition stall (even for an hour), selling the herbs or signing up new supporters please contact [Richard](#).



Green Drinks - 19th July. We would like to see as many faces as possible at our next green drinks event, which this month will be held in Milford, at the MILL HOUSE. Please come along any time after 7:30pm. We can sneak a peak at the Milford Hydro turbine in the beer garden.

Derbyshire Waste Strategy Review Workshop . Transition Belper has been invited to join a series of 3 strategy workshops to review the waste strategy for Derbyshire. If you are interested in this area and would like to attend, representing Transition Belper, please contact [Ian](#) as soon as possible. The dates of the workshops are 23rd July, 5 October and 19 November 2012, starting at 9.30 in Matlock.

Arts and Crafts Workshop - 21st July



Belper Town council is running a free workshop entitled "Making Fabric Flowers" which will be held at St John's Chapel on **Saturday 21 July**, 10am until noon. All the flowers will be made out of recycled fabric. This is suitable for adults and children over 10 years old. See <http://w.belpertowncouncil.co.uk/newsletter/newsletter.pdf>

Transition Summer Social - Tue, 21 August, 19:30 – 22:30 at Shottle Farm Brewery, School House Farm, Lodge Lane, Shottle, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 2DS

A brewery tour, tasting session and pizza making in the farm's brick oven. £7.50 for 2 pints and make your own pizza - Tony will provide the dough for you to add your own topping. Pizzas free to non-drinking drivers. Please book a place by 14th August as we have to give Shottle Farm some idea of numbers. Email [Kathy](#) to book a place. The only non-alcoholic drinks available will be tea/coffee and their own home made elderflower cordial. However, you are free to bring your own soft drinks.

See <http://www.shottlefarmbrewery.co.uk/> for more about the farm and brewery. Note that what comes up on the map is not the brewery. Just enter DE56 2DS in Google Maps and then look for Lodge Lane.

Next Transition Meeting - 7th August at the Strutt Centre Belper from 19:30

Drop Inn Centre, Belper. Please read the following message from Andrea:

Some of you may be aware that we are in the final 4 organisations nominated to win £5000 from Lloyds Banking as part of their Olympic sponsorship. If we win the prize grant of £5000 it is to be spent on the JamJar (music facility) which has become extremely popular with young people opening up opportunities to learn or improve music skills, and further opportunities to perform in public places building their confidence. If you would like to know more about us and our projects please go to www.thedropinn.org

We are asking you to please help us to win the grant by voting for us either by texting or by following the link

below and registering your vote by email. Please circulate this to any person or people who you think may be interested in supporting us.

Profile Link for: The Drop Inn (paste this link into your browser):

https://www.lloydsbankinggroupcommunities.com/communityfund/CF_Org_Vote_Profile.asp?CFOIDS=10000760

OR By texting VoteDE2 to 61119 (you could even do both!!)

With many thanks, Andrea and the Drop Inn Team

Pioneering urban wind turbine installed in UK for the first time



A prototype for a brand new design of wind turbine that will generate electricity in urban areas, potentially revolutionising the renewables industry, has been installed for the first time in the UK at Keele University in North Staffordshire. The turbine has been designed to overcome many of the issues associated with large horizontal – axis turbines seen in wind farms. These turbines rely on a steady wind speed, whereas McCamley’s vertical-axis model is able to cope with the turbulent and variable nature of the gusting wind conditions often found in urban environments. In these situations, when the wind speed drops below 2-3metres per second the turbine continues to operate, a point at which traditional models stop and when the wind picks up draw power from the Grid to restart. The McCamley turbine does not require this power to restart, it is a self starting wind turbine.

The McCamley turbine can be easily assembled from ‘flat-pack’ storable parts and retrofitted onto a roof without a supporting mast, making it a viable source of renewable energy in cities and towns - areas previously seen as unsuitable for wind energy.

A self-regulating system also means the turbine continues to work efficiently in high gusting wind speeds, keeping at a consistent, steady speed. The absence of down-force from sweeping blades also significantly decreases noise and significantly reduces ground vibrations. In addition, the design of the turbine is less likely to impact on wildlife and also has the potential to be effective on farms and related rural areas.

For further details, see <http://www.clickgreen.org.uk/news/national-news/123611-pioneering-urban-wind-turbine-installed-in-uk-for-the-first-time.html>

UK's largest solar PV installation to be built on Devon farm



Planning approval has been given to construct the UK's largest solar project on a Devon farm. The 8MW project will provide the southwest of England based farm with a guaranteed rental income over the next 25 years, and enough electricity to power 2500 homes. The 27,924 PV panels will be installed over 5 interconnected fields on a site comprising 15.4 hectares, near South Brent in South Devon.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition

To Transition members!

We thought you would like to know that the world's best wildlife photos are coming to the Grand Pavilion Matlock Bath!

Come and see 106 stunning, winning images from the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition: an astonishing range of wildlife, landscape and seascape photographs.

Open daily 10.30 – 4.30pm
14th July to 2nd September 2012.
Admission for adults is £4; family is just £10

More information on www.thegrandpavilion.co.uk

Enjoy these fabulous photos and help make this community enterprise a success.

It is a collaboration between:
-volunteers dedicated to re-opening the Pavilion as a regional arts venue
-the Peak District Mining Museum, a great example of an independent, locally run museum,
-Crane Gregory Projects Ltd a social enterprise organizing events to boost local enterprise.

Spread the word – please forward this e-mail to your contacts who might be interested!

The Grand Pavilion
Matlock Bath

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WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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For the first time in its 47-year history, the renowned Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition is coming to Derbyshire! Every year a panel of wildlife experts and distinguished nature photographers select the best photos by aspiring amateurs and professional photographers from all over the world. This year there were over 40,000 entries to the competition. This summer visitors to the Grand Pavilion Matlock Bath can see the 106 winning images: an astonishing range of wildlife, landscape and seascape photographs. These compelling, thought-provoking images celebrating the beauty and magnificence of the natural world.

The arrival of such a prestigious touring exhibition is a coup for the Grand Pavilion, Matlock Bath, where a group of dedicated local campaigners have taken on the lease of this 100 year-old former pleasure palace and are fundraising in order to create a new theatre and arts venue. For further details, see

http://www.artsderbyshire.org.uk/news/news_articles/Veolia_Wildlife_Photographer_Exhibition_arts_derbyshire.asp

WWF Earth hour Update



On 31 March 2012, hundreds of millions of people in a record 152 countries and 6,895 towns and cities across the world took part in WWF's biggest ever Earth Hour. Three months on and support for our brilliant planet continues well beyond the hour. In the UK alone, over 7.5 million people switched off their lights on the night for a brighter future. More than 3,500 schools, over 1,200 businesses and organisations, and some of the country's most iconic landmarks got involved.

Transition Belper Facebook Group

Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and join any discussions on Facebook. [Join us here](#)

Belper's fruit and veg grower's forum

There is a Facebook Group locally for exchanging tips and ideas for your garden and anything to do with growing fruit and veg. [Join the Forum here](#)

Contact

The trustees of Transition Belper are:

Chair - [Ian Jackson](#)

Secretary - [Richard Keighley](#)

Treasurer - Alan Foord

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Core Group - [David George](#)

Trustee - Mick Hepworth

Or you can contact us via the Transition Belper email address: info@transitionbelper.org